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Title: Blood Vessel Anastomosis Member and Method of Using the Same			
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENTS

Dear Sir:

In complete response to the Office action mailed 9 April 2003, please first amend the application as follows, the amendments being shown in marked-up form in the attached Appendix.

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Twice amended.) An anastomosis member to be arranged at an anastomosed site of first and second blood vessels to carry out the anastomosis of said first and said second blood vessels, said anastomosis member having a generally cylindrical body comprising at least one plate member to be brought into contact with both of said first and said second blood vessels, said plate member having integral therewith a plurality of protuberances formed on at least one of opposite surfaces thereof to be engaged with at least one of said first and said second blood vessels so as to prevent the dislocation of said first and said second blood vessels at said anastomosed site, each protuberance being formed from and extending from said <sup>plate</sup> body without leaving an aperture in said <sup>plate</sup> body.

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